

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph on Page 30, lines 8 - 19 with the following marked-up replacement paragraph:

-- Additional information recorded in the passport repository for each passport preferably includes: the date **702** of the associated animal transfer; a name or identifier **[[or]] of** the transferor(s) **703** and transferee(s) **704**; the number of head **705** that were transferred; a yes/no indication **706** (which may be indicated using a bitstring or other shorthand representation) as to whether the animals were physically located within the United States (or were in transit through Canada as allowed by §282 (a)(2)(A) of the 2002 Farm Act) at all times relevant to this passport; and a list **707** of any previous passport numbers that were identified (preferably, by the transferor) on the subject passport. --